THE FANCY WORK MAIDEN. An' so you kinder wanter know, w'y I broke off demand upon my time now." with Sali It war'nt because she war'nt a good an' mighty purty gal; For there ain't a blessed star in heaven shines brighter than her eyes. An' her cheeks are jest like peaches on the

trees or Paradise!

An' her smile is like the sunshine split upon a An' her hair like sproutin' sunbeams, on th garding of her head, An' her last is like a singin' brook that bubbles as it passes Thro' the stuck-up tiger lilies, an' the purty smellin' grasses.

An' I told her that I loved her, much as forty times a day, But she hadn't much time to bother, an' kept on with her crowshay, upon my very knees. She said: "Git off my rie-rac, an' you're rumplin' up my frieze."

An' I tried to talk of love, an' things, an' told her I would die. Unless she smiled upon my soot. said: "Oh, my You've tore my purty tidy down, an' hain't ye You've planted them big feet o' yourn, on them ar tapestries!

An' she wove in big flamingoes, snipes, an' turkeys on her rugs. An' she painted yaller poodles on her mother's lasses juzs, ored plaques, An' five orange-colored cherubs, with blue wings behind their backs,

An' w'en I talked of love an' stuff, she'd talk of rugs an' lace An' ax me would I take my feet off from thet I'd say: "My heart's love, O, be mine! be mine! be wholly mine!'

that silk skein er twine." Now I'm goin' to Arizony for to do a cowboys' gesture full of meaning.

Driven forth from civil'zation by the cuss e But her smile will allus hant me, affus in my visions play, Framed in latest styles of ric-rac, with a backgroun' of crowshay.

## HER HOME-COMING.

How the Boys Made It Bright and Happy.

edly astonished. Sadie sat on the he choked and left the table." great rolling head of the lounge, pound-

"It's preposterous!" Jack stormed. Warm hearted little Fritz was in tears. 'Ith a lief" he wailed.

angry tread up and down the room spoke volumes for him. "Nonsense, I say!" Eugene repeated, angrily. "Who dared say so? Slight mother! Why, Sadie Adams, there isn't a mother in the world like ours. We'd

do any thing on earth for her. I speak for the crowd." "He thpeakth for me," cried Fritz

"Do you suppose we'd more around here and actually lose our appetite for morrow. the sake of the mother bird, if we didn't love and care for her?" Jack de-

"I jutht love ginger-bread," this

couldn't endure it." "Oh, let up on the ginger-bread." "Look here, Sadie, I demand, as does

Sadle's severe little face relaxed. "Boys shake hands," she said; "two love her; it was-" at a time, please. I knew it couldn't be true, but I had to satisfy my mind Stanford interrupted. about it."

"Oh!" Sadie exclaimed, a moment-

ary flush on her fair face. "Your authority, please," Jack said.

history some place. "Your author-"Auntie Vance," Sadie answered. demurely.

down simultaneously. "The mater!" "Marmee!"

"The mompsy!"

"Gee whith!"

"Oh, come, now, Sadie! This is one est hopes lay in their blooms. of your tricks."

You can't make game of us, Cousin Sadie; we know you too well." that," she said, pointing out a portion money after school hours, and between chine work or the work of human also regular sweeping days and days of the writing, so familiar to the four them hire old Aunt Dinah to make a hands to keep up the symmetry better for cleaning windows and brushing boys. "It was one of the last letters great cake, with "Welcome" on it in than these minute animalculas have blinds, and for scrubbing kitchen clos-

real pleasure to feel myself their daily necessity, their friend and helper. It is so different now, Sadie. They are good boys, generous and high-principled, and yet many a time I choke with tears to feel that the entire love they gave me once is mine no longer. I am afraid they have outgrown me in I am afraid they have noted in the continuous meter them the central means a from the fount of them the means a find the outground in the means the Central this sort of letter. Of course they love never saw such boys!"

little ways. They are not like girls. row."

If I had a daughter, it might be differ- The boys were quite wild all the folent perhaps; but mother love is lowing day. How they did work! strong, and I feel fairly starved some Over the doorway within the porch times; even little Fritz forgets to there grew under their swift fingers a snuggle up to mamma's knee as he great green arch with Mamma Vance's der-feeding done, but, unfortunately, once did, and to pat her tired old initials in chrysanthemums on it. The the over-fed animals are the very ones hands. It has made me feel like a roses and sweet alyssum went into which ought to be fed with the most machine, though the duties I once had vases for the tea-table, the library and wisdom. I live in the Miami Valley, were heavy compared with the slight mamma's bed-room.

rangements of the trip, the friend who flowers were beautifully arranged, expressly for shipping as breeding had volunteered to keep house, and and Fritz, his black eyes shining, was stock and to show at the fairs. More expressions of gladness that Sadie, too, putting his very seul into his loving than one thousand pigs a year were would be home, to brighten things up finger-tips. He had emptied his small | for many years shipped from this sta-

her hat. "There's Lou at the gate. of honor beside the great cake on the enough for the butcher and fattened Good-bye, boys. Forgive me being tea-table, and the Bon Silene bore wholly on corn. Because a part of the again about this business.'

singularly silent. "You will oblige from your loving Fritz." Wen I plumped right down afore her, plumb me, Jack, if you'll fall on me and It was a chilly night though the day break all my bones!" Stanford said had been clear. There were soft-sputundred and forty.

> he replied. "No you couldn't." Eugene said, and

Fritz, with his eleven years, his dimple and his "lithp" had disappeared. There was hot ginger-bread again An' she painted purple angels on majenta col- when the tea-bell rang, and it seemed

to him less endurable than before. boys?" Mrs Beman asked her hus-

band that night. "It's never worth while to study the case, and there were four of him," notives of the boy, my dear. The Jack said, a little huskily. She'd say: "You've got your elbows mixed in laid down in natural history, but the gene, stoutly, "I've been thinking

row, for trouble there is, I am sure. mater. 'Rah, 'rah 'rah!" appetite! Mrs. Vance said hot ginger- the back around the corner. There tress. Why, Arthur," and the little Vance's heart. "They are playing breeding stock should never be fed for If Mamma Vance could have looked lady looked quite despairing, "only ball again," she thought, "They've fat, but always for bone and muscle. in then, she would have been undoubt- one of them touched it, Stanford, and forgotten we are coming." And then I have seen many valuable young gai-

ing a pillow with emphasis as she spoke. to sleep at once that night. They had ging her, and patting her gray hair as The four boys were grouped variously nothing to say to each other. Each they did when they were the very litabout her, their cheeks rather red, supposed the others asleep. Each tlest fellows. their eyes rather bright, their heads tried to lie very quiet and each groaned "We've been as dull as owls with- I am and practice it always, but I thrown back indignantly. When the at the thought that the dear patient out you, you darling," Stanford said, know that many farmers are losing long-suffering pillow had received its mother had been deeply hurt at their taking the smaller valises, while money by injudicious feeding. The final thump, and Sadie, her white little treatment of her, when they would Eugene offered her his arm grandly. margin of profit in farming is small feet sunk in its softness, had drawn have resented the slightest annoyance Fritz and Jack could only help in these days of low prices, and we Eugene asked hotly: "Whatever has Each groaned harder at the reflection and the big valise, and prance like do and should be able to give a reason put that nonsense into your head, that his own conduct was to blame for girls down the path behind "the moth- for every act we perform. It is not her doubt of it. Suddenly there was a er-bird, waiting to see her surprise the man who feeds the most grain stir in the far corner. Fritz had and delight over the arch, the wel- who has the most profitable stock, but bounced out of bed and down upon his come, the flowers, and the general the one who adapts the food to the knees. There was a dim light in the festivity of the dear old home. Stanford said not a word, but his room. Three boys might have been Next day when Sadie happened to

"Shows his good sense," said Stan- a trip! ford, in a subdued whisper to Eugene, with whom he slept.

"Well, I've had that out," said Eugene. "Did some good, too. No mat- They do love me! They were so glad ter how dull my head is, as sure as I to see me! Sit down, dear, and let me get to my knees, the Lord sends me tell you all about it; and as pretty some spick and span idea. I'm going Sadie dropped down upon the dainty to sleep now. I'll divulge the plan to- window-sent, she couldn't help saying

Sadie came again next day. "I've an idea!" Eugene exclaimed, Rittenhouse, in Interior. with some force.

"Dew tell!" and Sadie laughed, merfrom Fritz, "and latht night I thimply rily. "Not all by yourself, Eugene?" "Well, no, not all by myself," and Eugene looked wisely at Standford. Stanford cried. His tramp was not "It came from our best Friend last tendent of the State Insurance Departconquering the irritation he felt. night. Let me tell you, Sadie, we are ment, received recently from Alexander Eugene, your reason for this-this ac- our new conduct toward mamma. We nila, Philippine Islands, a curiosity cusation!" The tramp had come to a are going to give her a real little that is exceedingly rare; a coral forhalt. "We slight Marmee and make demonstration as a welcome home. I mation found only in the Philippine her unhappy! Who has dared hint it? remember the time she got back from Archipelago, and is known to the na-

"Because we were blind fools,"

"Well, just suppose you satisfy our said, suddenly. "Auntie musn't know ing a base of nearly two inches in di- of a government the family house minds!" Sanford snapped. He didn't that I have had any hand in this sight- ameter and rises to a height of about keeping takes its pattern. As a rule look any too willing to accept her to-the-blind pusiness. I'm not going eight inches, growing smaller towards American households are hardly yet loftily. He had an idea that he had hearts!" With that she marched off laying cross sections of a formation reread some such lofty demand in his down the gravel path to the gate.

The boys started as though they had how to love her. Trust us to do it running from top to bottom of this be regular. It is one of the

concert with three other heads. Sadie, still demure, nodded a com- boys had said, and Fritz hung over the than were needed in their work, and not at another time. The washing Chrysanthemums, as though his fond- progressed, and stand about the toy, mon rule, and the ironing should be

Eugene, who had graduated and was whole. at work on a salary, was keeping some These lacings extend about one inch time given for delays caused by stormy very bright dollars up in his collar- above the top, and contrary to usual weather so that no excuse of storms or For answer Sadie drew from her box for a very bright purpose, formation of coral, they are pliable other hindrance should set it back bepocket a much crumpled letter, and Jack and Stanford still in school and when bent assume an upright youd the limit given. This can easily stepped with it across to the bright decided upon one thing they position on being released. lamp-light of the library table. "Read gould do, at least. They could earn It would be impossible for ma- should be set apart in the week, as

she wrote me before I came home." chocolate frosting. "Twe thought of something new," lace, the cross bars fashioned as beautiers should arrange that the table is

were so grateful and loving that it was ness. "I meant to get her one of those blemish on any portion of it .- St. | that she is working under routine. An

I am afraid they have outgrown me in a long window-seat upstairs, in which until he found that the price was a hands by doing their work in an orderly a way, as they have outgrown their his mother may lay her dresses at full dollar. "Dat settles me," he said, as manner. As a rule, in families where knee-trousers and their childish de- length without crumpling them. He he climbed into his vehicle. "But it's such a system is instituted, servants pendence upon me. When they were has asked me a dozen questions about worth the money," persisted the agent remain a longer time and in greater little lads, I truly think they could not the best kind of padding for the top of "I's got a cheaper thing, sah." "What content than in an easy-going househave slept without their good-night it, and the prettiest color to cover it is it?" "Why, my ole woman kin hold hold where matters slide in a slips hod kisses to me, while now-but I shall with-something warm and bright, up to eand of dis wagin while I grease | way .- N. Y. Tribune. only hurt your kind little heart with for that's what the mater likes.' I de axes, an' it doan' cost me a cent ex-

me, Sadie, they must! And it is She repeated that statement on the only natural, I suppose, for boys, night when the telegram came saying. -A woman's motto: "There's always the significant note: "None need ap-

slowly. Jack was "the biggest of the tering fires throwing up their merry | look so well that their neighbors would big" among the boys and weighed a flames in the gaily-decked library and be impressed with their beauty. It "I could crawl through a knot-hole." five, Jack and Eugene were taking would cover up defects in form, and so their last looks there.

though it was a favorite joke, nobody seat. It is pretty, if I do say it. How As a result, three-fourths of the men the firelight brightens it up!" "How lovely the roses look!"

"How shiny the polished table is!" "Doesn't the chair seem easy?" And then with a final touch of care-"What was the matter with the joined Fritz and Stanford at the gate. "It's like the story of the Prodigal son, only he stayed at home in this

goat, the spider, the kangaroo, are all | "I'll tell you this, boys," said Euboy"-and he wiped his hands with a about this thing, and either thinking or praying has brought me more "It is on my mind, I don't care," new ideas. I don't believe any fel-Mrs. Beman reiterated. Whenever low ever gets too big to love she didn't care, she was taking things his mother, and I don't believe, if he's seriously. "I promised their good an honest, manly fellow, that it's go- have been fattened expressly to show, mother that I'd see to those boys—the ing to take away from his manliness house was a minor matter in fact. I one whit to show that he loves her. must investigate the trouble to-mor- Bless her heart! Three cheers for the

They hadn't even appetites. Think The ring of the cheery hurrals what an anomaly, a boy without an sounded over the frosty air and reached bread would comfort them in any dis- was a hard little pain at Mamma of a sudden they had reached the gate, mals injured by excessive corn-feed-Trouble indeed! The boys pretended and four bright-eyed boys were hug- inc.

caused her by any other. Love her! Mr. Vance with the shawl-straps

discerned raised upon their elbows, drop in, she started in amazement. staring. Fritz at his prayers a second "Auntie Vance! You are looking ten years younger. I think you did need

"It wasn't the trip, Sadie; it was the boys. You remember what I wrote save it .- Waldo T. Brown, in Philadelyou? It was all my silly imagination. with her glad little laugh, "I told gou so, Auntle, I told you so!"-Maude

A RARE CURIOSITY. Remarkable Specimen of Coral From the Judge E. W. Knott, deputy superingoing to do an old German trick to begin R. Webb, United States Consul at Maever been seen by those who have been fortunate enough to view the specimen which the Judge values so highly. "Of course!" shouted four boys after laid very carefully and evenly across ences, given and received. For th both ways, and are seemingly inter- comfort of every individual in th "We aren't going to have mamma laced and plaited with similar forms- household, it is necessary that the forming a sort of tuft around the done and folded by a certain time in

done. The work resembles the finest ets and floors and cellar. Housekeep-

tra."-Detroit Free Press.

as they grow up, to lose their leving "Be home on the 5:80 train to-mor- room at the bottom-for a postscript ply who are in the hacit of being poorly or two."

NOTES ON FEEDING.

A Discussion of the Proper Way of Developing Young Animals. There is less over-feeding than unwhere the Poland China hog origi-"What a knack you have, Fritz," nated, and have been for many years Then followed details as to the ar- Mrs. Beman said, in surprise, for the surrounded by farmers who raised pigs bank to buy, for the returning mother, tion alone, and the number sent out The dear big boys had grown rather two of the leveliest winter roses the annually from two or three counties misty about the eyes. Sadie suddenly florist's hot-house held. These, their | would amount to many thousands. refolded up the letter and caught up pots decked in green, occupied places | Nine out of ten of these pigs were fat entirely frank with you. I'll see you amid its graceful leaves a card on shippers did this the others (even which in Fritz's bold writing were those who knew it was unwise) said When she had gone the boys were seen the words: "Sweets to the sweet, they must do the same. The buyers were partly to blame, for they wanted the pigs they had paid a high price for and had shipped a long distance, to the mother's pretty room. Just at suited the shippers exactly, for fat it came to be the practice to fatten "How she will like that window- hogs on corn before shipping them. who were engaged in this business have lost their hogs from cholera and abandoned it. Another notable example of the folly of over-feeding is found short-horn cattle. The beef eleful boyish hands here and there, they | ment has been developed in this stock so that for early maturity and economy of flesh production the breed has never been surpassed and rarely equaled, but breeders have in feeding their breeding stock carried this to excess, and among the show herds there has been so many barren animals that it has become a custom to warrant the animal to "be a breeder" when it is sold. Any one who has attended the fairs and seen the show herds padded with fat knows that these animals and thoughtful, intelligent men ought to know that of all stock in the world breeders ought to be fed for the development of bone and muscle rather than fat. It is a truth which can not be impressed too strongly on the minds of farmers that young growing animals and breeding animals and

Now, I do not want any of the readers to jump to the conclusion that I am not in favor of liberal feeding, for purpose desired to be attained and who by system and regularity keeps his stock in the best condition. There is food enough wasted by unscientific

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feeding on many farms to make the

owners comparatively rich in a score

of years, if they were wise enough to

THE ROUTINE WAY. to Home Comfort. It is very easy to take care of the picturesque part of housework-to arrange the flowers and the pictures in the parlor and the china in the diningroom and the bright tins in the kitchen. But it is a vastly more laborious matter to attend to the daily routine of the household in those matters that do not appeal to the taste or the imagination-to watch servants, and yet not appear to watch them, or to guard cared for household. The secret of Who has given you so ridiculous an that district mission convention and tives as "flower baskets," though why perfect housekeeping lies chiefly in we were all playing ball on the lot, such an appellation should be con- routine and system, and they mean and didn't even come in to see her till ferred on it is not quite clear. It is drudgery. It has been said of old She was the stern accuser no longer. tea time. It wasn't because we didn't quite different from any coral that has that new civilizations are less governed by routine methods than old estabpioneer colonies are apt to be under "But here's a point, boys," Sadie The specimen is conical in shape, hav- mob sway, and from the housekeeping even to hint any help to you about your its top, where it ends in a tolerably amenable to the strict routine system welcome to her. She must not sus- sharp point. The base was formed on of the British household. This is due pect me. It must be all your own per- a smooth ledge of rock, and the archi- in part to the servant question, but forming, straight from your own tects of its construction had begun by again, the difficulties of the servant sembling finest spun glass. These are want of system in the matter of referthinking we have peeded lessons on tions-they could hardly be called fibers, hours of rising and for meals should received an argumentative knock- alone," and Jack tossed his head in novel lilliputian castle. The work small essentials very necessary rises in most beautiful shape, growing to universal comfort. Servants It was the sweetest time of the year gradually smaller, until within about should have their certain duties to in Vernon, but October days were com- three inches of the apex, when evi- perform at certain hours, and should ing on and the flowers were growing dently the builders found on their be made to understand that they should scarce. "Flowers we must have!" the hands more of the longitudinal laces be performed at the time given and prehensive "That's what I said" to the late roses, the sweet Alyssum and they were dropped out as the work should have its set day as is the com-

THE NAVY.

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The reconstruction of the navy is being pushed forward rapidly. The Charleston, Baltimore, Yorktown, Vesuvius and Petrel are in the water and rapidly approaching completion. The Philadelphia, San Francisco, Newark, Bennington, Concord and the Herreshoff torpedo boat are under contract. Eleven vessels in all will be incorporated in the American navy within the next twelve months.

Notwithstanding the large expenditures for new construction and the additional labor they involve, the total ordinary or current expendithe week, making allowance in the be done. Two regular baking days hew construction and the statement expendi-livelye, the total ordinary or current expendi-ture of the department for the three years, ending June 3., 1888, are less by more than twenty per cent, than such expenditures for the three years, ending June 30, 1884. THE POSTAL SERV CE. "The thought of something new,"
We have decided to take our trip,
Sadie, your uncle and L. It will be our
first together in our wedded life, and
I know it will do us both good. I
have been feeling tired and worn
lately. When the boys were little fellows, though they took up all my time

"The thought of something new,"
Jack exclaimed, rushing in, quite
breathless, one evening. "You know
the cross bars fashioned as beautifully as possible. In looking through
the cross bars and the dining-room dusted
after each meal and before a certain
how mamma has admired Mrs. Green's
of some small marine animal, probably
the maid of all work or the kitchen
maid that the dining-room must be
swept, cleared and the dining-room dusted
after each meal and before a certain
how mamma has admired Mrs. Green's
forst together in our wedded life, and
late postal server.

The number of post-offices on July 1, 1888,
was 57.256, an increase of 6.124 in three years
after each meal and before a certain
how mamma has admired Mrs. Green's
of some small marine animal, probably
the maid of all work or the kitchen
maid that the dining-room must be
swill easily

That comes in the line of my
The coral is a pure white and forms a

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the cross bars fashioned in the dining-room dusted
after each meal and the dining-room for the last fiscal season of the possible of the possi lately. When the coys were fittle terlows, though they took up all my time
and thought, I never felt it. They
and tree-delivery service and money-order
drift into this order and hardly realize
service have developed; so has the foreign service.

> -An employer of labor concludes his advertisement for assistants with on Monday morning."

THE MESSAGE

[Continued from First Page.] existing subject of dispute between the United States and any foreign power that is not susceptible of satisfactory adjustment by frank o'plomatic treatment. The questions between Great Britain and the United States relating to the rights of American fishermen under treaty and international comits in the territorial and international comity in the territorial waters of Canada and Newfoundiand, I regret to say, are not yet satisfactorily adjusted. These matters were fully treated in my message to the Senate of February 20, 1883, which, to gether with a convention concluded under my authority with Her Majesty's Government on the 10th of February last, for the removal of all causes of misunderstanding, was submitted by me for the approval of the Senate. This treaty having been rejected by the Senate, I transmitted a mecsage to the Congress on the 23d of August last, reviewing the transactions and submitting for considera-tion certain recommendations for leg-islation concerning the important questions involved. Afterwards, on the 12th of September, in response to a resolution of the Senate, I again communicated fully all the information in my possession as to the action of the tion in my possession as to the action of the government of Canada affecting the commercial relations between the Dominion and the United States, including the treatment of American fishing vessels in the ports and waters of British America. The communications have all been published, and therefore opened to the knowledge of both Houses of Congress, afthough two were addressed to the Senate alone. Comment upon of Congress, afthough two were assures of Congress, afthough two were assures to the Senate alone. Comment upon or repetition of their contents would be superfinous, and I am not aware that any thing has since occurred which should be added to the facts therein stated. Therefore, I merely remain as applicable to the present time, the mean as applicable to the present time, the peut, as applicable to the present time, the statement which will be found in my message to the Senate of September 12 last: "That since March 3, 1887, no case has been reported to the Department of State wherein complaint to the Department of State wherein complaint has been made of unfriendly or unlawful treatment of American vessels on the part of the Canadian authorities, in which reparation was not promptly and satisfactorily obtained by the United States Consul-General at Halitax. Having essayed in the discharge of my duty to procure by negotiation the settlement of a long-standing cause of dispute, and to remove a section of the settlement of a long-standing cause of dispute, and remove a constant menace to the good rela tions of the two countries, and costinuing to hold the opinion that the treaty of February last, which failed to receive the approval of the Senate, did supply "a satisfactory, prac-tical and final adjustment on a basis honorable and just to both parties of the difficult any vexed question to which it related," and hav ing subsequently and unavailingly recommend ed other legislation to Congress which I hope would suffice to meet the exigency created b the rejection of the treaty. I now again invoke the carnest and immediate attention of the Congress to the condition of this important question as it now stands before them and the country, and for the settlement of which I am deeply solicitous.

GOVERNMENT REVENUE. The revenues of the Government for the year The revenues of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1880, ascertained for the quarter ended September 30, 1883, and estimated for the remainder of the time, amount to \$377,000,000, and the actual and estimated ordinary expenditures for the same year are \$273,000,000, leaving an estimated surplus of \$104,000,000.

The estimated receipts for the year ending June 30, 1890, are \$377,000,000, and the estimated ordinary expenditures for the same time are June 30, 1890, are \$57.,000,000, and the estimated ordinary expenditures for the same time are \$575,767,488.34, showing a surplus of \$101,232,-511.66. The foregoing statements of surplus do not take into account the sum necessary to be expended to meet the requirements of the Sinking-Fund act, amounting to more than \$17,000,000 annually. The cost of collecting the customs revenues for the last fiscal year wasp. 41 per cent.; for the year 1885 it was 3.77 per cent The excess of internal revenue taxes collect ad during the last fiscal year over those collect ed for the year ended June 30, 1887, was \$5,489, 174.26, and the cost of collecting this revenue decreased from 3.4 per cent in 1887, to less than 3.2 per cent, for the last year. The tax collected on oleomargarine was \$723,948.04 for he year ending June 30, 1837; and \$864,139.88 for

THE BOND PURCHASES. The requirements of the Sinking Fund act have been met for the year ended June 30, 1888, and for the current year also, by the purchase of bonds. After complying with this law, as positively required, and bonds sufficient for that purpose had been bought at a premium, it was not deemed prudent to further expend the surplus in such purphases not xpend the surplus in such purchases unti the authority to do so should be more explicit. Daily purchases of bonds were commenced on the 23d day of April, 1883, and have continued until the present time. By this plan, bonds of the Government not yet due have been pur-chased, up to and including the 30th day of No-

The premium added to the principal of these represented by the difference between the amount of interest at two per cent, upon the sum paid for principal and premium, and what turity, is about \$27,165,000.

"At first sight," says the President, "this would seem to be a profitable and sensible transaction on the part of the Government, but as suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury, the surplus thus expended for the purchase of bonds was money drawn from the people in excess of any actual need of the Government, and was so expended rather than allow it to remain title in the treasury. If this allow it to remain idle in the treasury. If this surplus, under the operation of just and equita-ble laws, had been left in the hands of the people, it would have been worth in their bus ness at least six per cent, per annum Deducting from the amount of interest upon 

would seem to demonstrate that it excessive and unnecessary taxation is continued and the Government is forced to pursue a policy of purchasing its own bonds at the premiums, which it will be necessary to pay the loss to the people will be hundreds of millions of dollars. Since being subjected to combinations to raise their price. Notwithstanding the sum thus paid out, the surplus in the treasury on the 50th of No-vember, 1888, was \$12,284,610.01, after deducting about \$20,000,000 just drawn out for the pay-ment of pensions.

The Secretary of War reports that the army at the date of the last consolidated returns consisted of 2,189 officers and 24,549 enlisted men. The actual expenditures of the War De partment for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883 amounted to \$4,165,107,07, of which sum \$9,158, 514,63 was expended for public works, including was expended for public works, including river and harbor improvements.

We shall have our own gun factory next year. Civil-Service reform is recommended for the army service. General Sheridan's death is inmented as an irreparable loss.

Eighty-three men, 170 women, 70 boys and 59 girls, all Indians, are held as prisoners of war. The Indian schools are doing nicely.

PENSIONS REDUCE THE SURPLUS. 6,452, and increase of pensions was granted in 45,715 cases. The names of 15,731 pensioners were dropped. The namber of persons receiving pensions was 452,557; of these there were 8.6 survivors of the war of 1812; 10,757 widows of those who served in that war; 16,061 soldiers of the Maxican war and 5,104 withous of said soldiers. One hundred and two different rates of pensions are paid to these beneficiaries, ranging from \$3 to \$418.66 per month. The ameunt paid for pensions during the fiscal year was \$78,775,81,92, being an increase over the preceding year of \$5,38,281,22. The expenses attending the maintenance and operation of the Pension Bureau during that period were \$1,26,524,67, making the entire expenditures of the bureau \$82,038,385,57, being rement during the year.

"I am thoroughly convinced that our general sension laws should be revised and adjusted to need as far as possible in the light of our experience all meritorious cases," says Mr. Develand, "The fact that its different rates

they increase, in many cases, existing inequality and injustice, lend additional force to the recommendation for a revision of the general laws on this subject."

United States is virtually at an end.

"I can not too strenuously insist on the importance of proper measures to insure a right disposition of our public lands," the President says, "not only as a matter of present justice, but in forecast of the consequences to future generations. The broad, rich acres of our agricultural plains have been long preserved by nature to become her untrammeled gift to a people civilized and free, upon which should rest, in well-distributed ownership the numerous homes of enlightened equal and fraternal citizens. They came to National possession with the warning example in our cyes of the entail insquities of landed proprietership which other countries have permitted and still suffer. We have no excuse for the violation of principles cogenity taught by reason and example, nor for the allowance of prutexis."

—Hart what an awful lot o' money these high-toned travelers waste for drinks, said Uncle Abner, as he laid down his newspaper. "A man who'll pay one hundred dollars for a saloon passage to England, when he can go in the seerage for twenty dollars, is a slave to rum—that's what I say."—

Life.

—A Michigan boy swallowed a sill ver please when five years oid, and his parents have just discovered what kind of metal is in him. —Fonker Usatsanam. example, nor for the nilowance of protexts of metal is in him .- Tonker blaterman.

which have sometimes exposed our land to colossal greed. Laws which open a door to fraudulent acquisition, or administration which permits and favors apacious seizure by a favored few of extended areas that many should enjoy, are accessory to offenses against our National welfare and humanity not to be too severely condemned or punis ALLOTMENT IN SEVERALTY TO INDIANS, The condition of our Indian population continues to improve, and the proofs multiply that the transforming change so much to be desired which shall substitute for barbarism enlightenment find civilizing education, is in favorable progress. Our relations with these people during the year have been disturbed by no serious disorders, but rether marked by by no serious disorders, but rather marked by a better realization of their true interests, and increasing confidence and good will. These conditions testify to the value of the higher tone of consideration and humanity which has governed the later methods of dealing with

nem, and commend its continued observance. Hiotments in severally have been made on ome reservations until all those entitled to and thereon have hal their shares assigned and the work is still continued. But no agency for the amelioration of this people appears to me so promising as the ex-cension urged by the secretary of such com-plete facilities of education as shall at the carlest possible day embrace all teachable India liest possible day embrace all teachable Indian youth of both sexes and retain them with a kindly and beneficent hold until their characters are formed and their faculties trained to the sure pursuit of some form of useful industry. The capacity of the Indian no longer needs demonstration. It is established. It remains to make the most of it, and when that shall be done the curse will be lifted, the Indian race saved, and the sin of their convession redeemed. The time of will be lifted, the Indian race saved, and the sin of their oppression redeemed. The time of its accomplishment depends upon the spirit and justice with which it shall be prosecuted. It can not be too soon for the Indian nor for the interests and good name of the Nation. The average attendance of Indian pupils on the schools increased by over nine hundred during the year, and the total enrollment reached 13.212. The cost of maintenance was not materially raised. The number of teachable Indian youth is now estimated at 40,000, or nearly three times the enrollment of the schools. It is believed the obstacles in the way of instruction are all surmountable, and that of instruction are all surmountable, and that the necessary expenditures would be a measure of economy. THE SIOUX RESERVATION.

The Sloux tribes on the great reservation Dakota refused to assent to the act passed he Congress at its last session for opening portion of their lands for settlement, not with standing modification of the terms was suggested which met most of their objections Their demand is for immediate payment of the full price of \$1.25 per acre for the entire body of land, the occupancy of which they are asked to relinquish.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. The Department of Agriculture has continued with a good measure of success, its efforts to develop the processes enlarge the results, and augment the profits of American hysbaldry. It has collected and distributed practical information, introduced and tested new plants, checked the spread of contagious discusses of farm animals, resisted the advance of noxious insects and destructive fungus growths and sought to secure to agricultural labor the highest reward of effort, and the fullest immunity from loss. Its records of the fullest immunity from loss. Its records of the year show that the season of 1838 has been one of medium production. Agenerous supply of the demands of consumption has been assured and a surplus for exportation, moderate in certain produces and bountiful in others will prove a benefaction alike to buyer and PLEURO-PNBUMONIA.

Four years ago it was found that the great eattle industry of the country was endangered and those engaged in it were alarmed at the rapid extension of the European lung plague of pleuro-pneumonia. Serious outbreaks existed in Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky, and in Tennessee animals affected were held in quar-antine. Five counties in New York and from one antine. Five counties in New York and from one to four counties in each of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland were almost equally affected. With this great danger upon us and with the contagion already in the channels of commerce, with the ener mous direct and indirect losses already being caused by it, and when only prompt an energetic action could be successful, there were n none of these States any laws authorize his department to eradicate the maiady or a ng the State officials power to co-operate w for this purpose. The department even lack both the requisite appropriation and authority. By securing State co-operation in connection with authority from Congress the work of cradication has been pressed successfully, and this dreaded disease has been extirpated from the Western States and also from the Eastern together, States, with the exception of a few restricted State restrictions which were deemed necessary for a time.

SUGAR-MAKING EXPERIMENTS. During the past four years the process of dif-fusion, as applied to the manufacture of sugar-from sorghum and sugar cane, has been intro-duced into this country, and fully perfected by the experiments carried on by the Department of Agriculture. This process is now uni-versally considered to be the most eco-nomical one, and it is through that the sorghum sugar industry has been established upon a firm basis and the road to it future suc-cess owened. The adoption of this diffusion cess opened. The adoption of this diffusion process is also extended in Louisiana and other sugar-producing parts of the country, and will, doubtless, soon be the only method employed for the extraction of sugar from the

An exhaustive study has also, within the same period, been undertaken of the subject of food adulteration and the best analytical massions for detecting it. A part of the results of this work has already been published by the lished in any country.

LAND GRANTS TO RAILROADS. The adjustment of the relations between the Government and the railroad companies which have received land grants and the guaranty of the public credit in aid of the construction of their roads should receive early attention. The report of a majority of the commissioners appointed to examine the affairs and indebtedness of these roads in which they tayor an extension of the time for the payment of such indebtedness, in at least one case where the corporation appears to be able payment of such indebtedness, in at least one case where the corporation appears to be able to comply with well guarded and exact terms of such extension and the reinforcement of their opinion by gentlemen of undoubted husiness judgment and experience appointed to protect the interests of the Government as directors of said corporation, may well lead to the belief that such an extension would be to the advantage of the Government. The subject should be treated as a business proposition, with a view to a final realization of its indebtedness by the Government, rather than as a question to be decided upon prejudice or by way of punishment for previous wrong-doing.

The report of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, with its accompanying documents, gives in detail the operation of the several departments of the District Government, and furnishes evidence that the financial affairs of the District are at present in such satisfactory condition as to justify the commissioners in submitting to Congress estimates for desirable and needed improvements. The commissioners recommend certain legislation which, in their opinion, is necessary to advance the interests of the District. I invite your special attention to their request for such legislation as will enable the commissioners without delay to collect, digest and properly arrange the laws by which the District is governed, and which are now embraced in several collections, making them available DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. only with great dimently and labor. The sug-gestions they make touching destrable amond-ment to the law relating to liceuses granted for carrying on the retail traf-fic in spirituous liquors; to the observance of Sunday; to the proper assessment and collec-tion of taxes; to the speedy punishment of minor offenders, and to the management and control of the reformators and charitable in-

an imperfect statement of the condition ple. As public servants we shall do our dut well if we constantly guard the rectifude our our intentions, maintain unsullied our love of country and with unselfish purpose strive for the public good. Groven CLEVELAND.

- There is much ignorance in many of these mountain counties," said a Almost as Palatable as Milk. Baptist orator at Clarksburg, W. Va. "A man was riding through McDowell County on his way to the court-house. He met an old lady and asked her the way to the county seat. She replied: "I did not know that the county had any seat." Then he added: That reminds me of an officer traveling in the countries of the world. through the country during the war. He asked an old man what was the population of his county. He replied: ASSORTED LAMPS IN BARRELS "I den't know; it is over on Tug Fork. "-Richmond Religious Herald

-A young man in Hartford thought he would astonish his sweetheart with a display of erudition, and so he wrote her a loving proposal in Volapuk. And CHINA, GLASS AND QUEENSWARE. the most day he was arrested and

the seerage for twenty dollars, is a special attraction given to Consecutive what I say."-

Riches and Contentment.

"The cares of this world, and the deceit fulness of riches, choke the word.' 'Well," thinks our impecunious friend, there at least is a peril that I am socure from; for I do not get near enough to riches to be deceived thereby. You had better carry that text to the millionaures." In all which he shows himself under n total mistake. Those who have tried both extremes assure us that riches have no such power of deceiving close at hand as they have in the distance. The man who wishes he was rich is apt to be the deluded man, while he who has got his wish is in a fair way to be "dis-tilusionized." The rich man finds it no harder to go through the needle's eye than "he that trusts in riches"-and one can do this last on very small cash capital indeed.-S. &

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